

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of April 12, 2007 issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment to the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to clarify that the one-piece support member has at least one longitudinally extending channel and associated apertures for distributing printing fluid to the supported printhead integrated circuits. Support for these amendments can be found in pending dependent claim 3 and at page 7, lines 4-5 of the present specification;

dependent claims 3 and 4 are amended to conform with amended claim 1; and

dependent claims 2 and 5-7 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-7 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by previously cited Silverbrook '908 in view of newly cited King et al. (US 6,457,810) and previously cited Silverbrook '834 and Lu (it is respectfully noted that in the rejection title for claim 7 the Examiner indicates that the rejection is based on Silverbrook '908 in view of Silverbrook '834 and Lu without the necessary inclusion of King; it is assumed that this is an error), for at least the following reasons.

As discussed above, independent claim 1 has been amended to clearly specify that the one-piece support member is formed with both one or more channels for carrying printing fluid for the supported printhead integrated circuits and apertures for distributing that printing fluid to the printhead integrated circuits. In this way, it is not necessary to provide multiple components for supporting and distributing the printing fluid to the printhead integrated circuits, which simplifies the casing and the assembly (see page 7, lines 4-5 of the present specification).

This arrangement is distinct from the arrangements disclosed in both Silverbrook '908 and King. This is because, in Silverbrook '908 both the reservoir molding 32 of the ink reservoir 16 and the moldings 26/28 of the printhead modules 12 are provided for distributing ink to each Memjet chip 18 (see col. 2, lines 9-67 of Silverbrook '908), and similarly in King both the core member 96 of the body 90 and the channel shaped member 12 are provided for distributing ink to the printhead chips 26 (see col. 6, lines 28-53 of King).

Thus, neither Silverbrook '908 nor King (nor Silverbrook '834 and Lu), either taken alone or in combination with one another, teach or suggest a one-piece support member which has both channels and apertures for distributing printing fluid to the multiple printhead integrated circuits carried thereby, as is required by amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-7 dependent therefrom.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

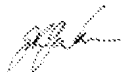
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